

Rt. Hon. R. J. Seddon.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1898." Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Kauri-gum Industry Act Amendment Act, 1899." It shall be read with "The Kauri-gum Industry Act, 1898," (hereinafter referred to as "the said Act") and shall come into force on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred. Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, no person shall be entitled to dig on any kauri-gum reserve unless he is the holder of a special license under the said Act, and which is expressed to extend to such reserve; nor unless he is a British subject by birth or naturalisation, or a native of the Maori race. Who may dig on kauri-gum reserves.

3. (1.) Section five, subsection two, paragraph (b), of the said Act is hereby amended by the omission of the words "or ordinary" appearing in such paragraph. Amendments of principal Act.

(2.) Section eight of the said Act is also amended by the omission of the words "or ordinary" in the said section; and by the omission of the words "sections six or seven" in the said section, and by substituting in lieu of such last-mentioned words the words "section six."

(3.) Section six is also amended by the addition of the following words to the said section: namely, "Lawfully engaged in digging for kauri-gum' shall mean digging for such gum by virtue of a permit or license issued by the local authority, or Commissioner of Crown Lands, under 'the Land Act, 1892,' prior to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine."

4. If any officer of a local authority shall refuse a license to any person who proves that he is possessed of the necessary qualification in respect thereof, and has tendered the prescribed fee for such license, such officer shall for every such offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, to be recovered in any Court of competent jurisdiction by any person who may sue for the same. Penalty for refusing to issue license.